New Committee Clearinghouse Website!

Earlier this year, it was announced that the CTRE and the Service Excellence Committee were working together to build a website that features information on all CSU committees. The foundation has been laid, and it is time to open it up to the university so that it can grow. The website will be used to allow the university to see which committees exist, when they meet, what their goals and accomplishments are, and which ones need new members.

The overarching goal is to create a central information resource whereby everyone at the university can discover new and existing service opportunities, set meeting times that don’t conflict with each other, and reduce instances of two committees doing the exact same work.

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CTRE Grant Deadline April 1

It’s almost that time again—the spring deadline for CTRE grant applications is fast approaching!

Remember, CTRE grants exist for one reason: to help faculty! Ask yourself the following questions:

1) “Am I looking to attend or present at a conference?”

If the answer is yes, then you’ll want to consider applying for an Enrichment Grant. If you are attending a conference, you can apply for up to $1,000; if you are presenting, then the cap is $2,500.

2) “Am I looking to conduct original research?” or “Does my research need additional funding?”

If you answered yes to either of these, then consider applying for a Seed Grant. Seed Grants exist to help faculty either begin or continue with their research, in the hopes that they will eventually be able to apply for a major grant from an external institution (e.g., NIH, MacArthur Foundation, Spencer Foundation, etc.). The limit is $10,000.

If you are interested in applying and would like to learn more, click on the preceding links or visit the CTRE’s homepage.

The deadline for submissions is April 1 at 5:00 PM. But don’t delay! Get your application in as soon as you can.
Looking Forward

Friday Faculty Fest: Kim Dulaney

**What:** “Everything’s An Argument: The Pedagogy of Critical Thinking”

**When:** Friday, February 24 (12:00-2:00PM)

**Where:** LIB 301

Join the CTRE this Friday for what is sure to be a fascinating workshop. Kim Dulaney will be exploring methods for teaching students to understand the concepts of critical thought and information orientation by helping them:

1. Recognize the fact that there are various interpretations of a single event or image;
2. Be aware of influences, such as fallacies, solid claims, culture-coded nuances; and
3. Practice the exercise of thought analyses, deconstruction, and reconstruction in an effort to expand knowledge bases and afford validity or legitimacy to varied perspectives.

Upon completion, participants will be better equipped to use culturally relevant instruction to empower, build character, inspire excellence, and ultimately to increase the academic achievement of students. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

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Here’s how to get started:

1. **Open the website** and log on using your CSU username and password. (You can also find the link on the CTRE website on the “Resources for Teaching” page, as well as Cougar Connect’s Faculty Tab under “CTRE Announcements”.)
2. Read the directions on the welcome page.
3. Look through the website and find your committee. If you do not see yours listed, then click on the “ADD A COMMITTEE” link found at the bottom of the page.
4. **Fill in the information form.** This is the most important step for making the website work! Your response will be posted within 48 hours.

It is important that someone from each committee let the website administrators know the meeting schedule for each committee. This will involve sending regular updates as they become available. Meeting times will then be posted to the central calendar for everyone to view.

As of right now, the website needs a lot of filling in, but if everyone does his or her part, then it will provide the information that staff and faculty have been asking for for quite some time.

If you have any questions, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

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